

FISCAL NOTE

SB 534 - HB 541

March 10, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Abolishes the Tennessee Plan for electing, appointing, and evaluating appellate court judges and appointment to vacancies of trial court judges; provides for the popular election of appellate judges; changes the three grand divisions in the state with respect to judicial elections.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Net Impact- Less Than \$20,000

Assumptions:

- Decrease in the annual amount of state expenditures for the Judicial Selection Commission.
- Judicial Evaluation Commission will continue to function since judicial evaluation is independently required by *Supreme Court Rule 27*.
- Increase in state expenditures for ballot modifications and redistribution of judicial resources due to the realignment of counties in each grand division. These expenditures are not estimated to be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director

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